ABSTRACT

A disposable plate system wherein each plate of a stack of disposable plates has a tab on its periphery that is preferably angularly offset with respect to the tab on adjacent disposable plates. To remove a plate from the top or bottom of the stack of plates its tab is pulled away from the other plates to separate it from the stack of plates, and the tab of an adjacent disposable plate may be held firm to assist in the separation of the plates. Each tab has a distinguishing mark thereon that helps to distinguish it in some manner to make it easily visible with respect to the plurality of disposable plates and their tabs, and one disposable plate can be identified with respect to other disposable plates after they have been removed from the plurality of disposable plates. In lieu of a tab a cutout may be made in the outer edge of the plate that is used to assist a user separating one plate from the other plates in the stack.
